153. “Sonnet: Harlech Castle,” December 1831 to January 1832, MS VIII. Printed PJR, 1:101; Works, 2:331.

See nos. 124, 148 for dating. Attributed to the end of 1831 by the editors, but the poem’s position following no. 152 and stanzas 13-14 of “Athens” more likely requires a date well into January of the new year. In draft the title appears as “HARLECH sonnet CASTLE,” with “sonnet” in script like the title of no. 151. If “HARLECH . . . CASTLE” was added as an afterthought, however, the poem concerned the castle from its start, as cancellations in the first line make clear.

MS VIII version entirely unpunctuated. All lines are flush left, without the editors’ indentations. First letters of lines and place names capitalized.

Works, l. 1 towers and turrets high,] towers <proud Harlech> and turrets <[heaped on(?)]> high MS VIII

L. 2 Like] <A[(?)] on the precipices giddy> Like MS VIII

L. 8 That once did stir] That once <have reared [(?)]> did stir<red> MS VIII

L. 11 Its twining arms to clothe] Its <drooping arms> twining arms to cloth MS VIII

L. 14 the ocean’s murmuring] the <streams> oceans wild murmuring MS VIII